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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - November 27, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Joseph Daniel Appierto pled guilty today in federal district court in San Diego to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

According to the court records, Appierto admitted that on or about August 7, 2006, he possessed at least one video on his computer which contained images of minors, as young as four or five years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan.

DEFENDANT

JOSEPH DANIEL APPIERTO

Case Number: 06CR2381-W

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography) Maximum Penalty: 10 years' incarceration and \$250,000 fine.

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